

TRAVEL TO SITILINGI

Travel from Chennai:

Night Trains > The easiest to get tickets is the Salem express which starts from Egmore at 11pm. Get down at Vazhapady – the second stop after Attur [reaches at around 4.40am] The train stops for only a minute so please don't delay in deboarding [the platform is on your left – facing the direction of travel]. Walk across to the bus stand. There is a Thiruvannamalai bus which leaves at 6am which parks across the road to the bus-stand [not in it]. Take a ticket to Sittilingi and ask to be dropped in front of the "Sittilingi hospital". If the train is late and you miss the Thiruvannamalai bus, get into the V7 bus [inside the bus stand] at 6.45am and get down at Thumbal. At 8am you will connect to the Hosur bus and get down at the hospital. If in case you are coming in the Yercaud express, get down at Salem, take a bus to Vazhapadi and follow the rest of the instructions. Going back > the Salem express leaves Vazhapadi at 10 pm and there are connection buses from here. You will reach Egmore at 4 am. The Yercaud leaves Salem at 10pm – you will have to leave earlier from here.

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Travel from Trichur/ Ernakulam/Alleppey/ Trivandrum :

There are many night trains leaving Kerala for Chennai and northwards that pass through Salem. Most night trains reach Salem between 3 and 5am. Take a bus from the railway station to the New Bus Stand [there are buses every 5 mins]. From the bus stand take any bus going to Vazhapadi – all buses to Attur, Kallakurichi, Chennai, Pondy etc and get down at Vazhapadi.[ask around if you have any doubt]. There is a Thiruvannamalai bus which leaves Vazhapadi at 6am which parks across the road to the bus-stand [not in it]. Take a ticket to Sittilingi and ask to be dropped in front of the "Sittilingi hospital". If the train is late and you miss the Thiruvannamalai bus, get into the V7 bus [inside the bus stand] at 6.45am and get down at Thumbal. At 8am you will connect to the Hosur bus and get down at the hospital. Getting back > There are many night trains through Salem to Kerala. Try the Kochuveli express – leaves at 9.15pm from Salem. There are also Salem – Ernakulam/ Trichur Govt buses leaving from 7.30pm onwards [book the later ones as you can leave Sittilingi later]. You can book TNSTC through the RedBus site if you want. If not you can take the next day - day trains – the Intercity leaves at 10am and tickets are easy to get if you book now.

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Travel from Bangalore/ Rest of Karnataka:

Take any of the early buses to Dharmapuri. Take the first bus to Harur. There are frequent buses to Sittilingi. If not, take a bus to Kotapatty and we will pick you up [10km away from Sittilingi] – Getting back – many buses to Dharmapuri/ Krishnagiri – we can direct you.

Travel from Wardha :

Take any of the trains going to Kerala/ Coimbatore – get down at Salem and follow the instructions above from Salem. – please email me your doubts and we can clear it. Same

trains back.

Travel from Vishakapattanam/ Vijaywada and rest of Telengana/ AP

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